

Hit and Run, 'Stop and Sleep' Drivers Arrested Here

One Gets 180 Days, Other Awaits Trial

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One alleged hit and run driver, arrested in an admittedly intoxicated condition, according to police, several hours after he assertedly had been chased and escaped following a collision at Hawthorne Ave. near Torrance Blvd., at 1:20 a.m. Monday, has already pleaded guilty in Torrance Municipal Court; and another driver found asleep at the wheel of his car, with all lights out and the motor turned off, parked in the middle of the second lane of the highway at 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. at 1:55 p.m. last Friday is scheduled to appear in court today.

Appearing before Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett last Tuesday, Floyd Eugene Thorpe, 26, an employee of the Harvey Machine Tool Company was sentenced to a \$250 fine or 50 days on charge of drunk driving, and \$100 or 20 days for hit and run driving. Unable to pay the fine, he was remanded to the County Jail.

Escapes in Chase . . . According to the police, Thorpe just kept on driving after crashing into a car driven by Patrick Joseph Malley, 11842 Marshel, Culver City, and was chased as far as 238th St., where he was lost in the residential rear. But the license number of his car was obtained.

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Faces Felony Charge in 'Baby Shower' Shooting

Dad-to-Be & Guest Are Quarrel Victims

At liberty on \$1,000 bail, Ray Carter, grocer, of 4130 W. 177th St., was awaiting arraignment this week in Torrance Municipal Court on a felony complaint charging him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Carter was arrested about 2 a.m. Monday morning after he called the police, stating he had just shot a man. According to the police, the shooting was a violent aftermath of a quarrel over noise which Carter complained had occurred Sunday evening at the home of a next door neighbor where a baby shower was in progress.

Victims of the alleged shooting were: the neighbor, Arthur Squillante, 31, whose wife, Mary, who was honoree of the shower at 4134 W. 177th St.; and one of the guests at the party, Raymond J. Doucette, 32, of 5207 Middle Crest Road, Rolling Hills.

Squillante was nicked twice in the thigh and once in the arm by shots fired from a .22 calibre pistol. He was treated at Harbor General Hospital. A ricocheting bullet struck Doucette on the shin and he was treated at a private clinic.

According to the police report, Mrs. Squillante, who is eight months pregnant, was standing by her husband when the shots were fired. The shooting took place as the last guests were leaving the party.

Earlier, about 12:20 a.m., Carter's wife had telephoned the police, complaining that the party going on next door was too noisy. Officers went to the home and advised the Squillantes of the complaint and departed.

A grinding wheel and two clip boards were all thieves got for their trouble of breaking into a construction shed of the Oliver Construction Co. at South High School.

Several belling knives were taken from the Air Research plant at 2601 W. 190th St. Thieves broke a window to enter a service station owned by Ed Stracener at 2761 Cabrillo and got \$10 in change from a cash box left on the counter and \$25 in currency from a can hidden in the bottom of a desk.

A purse was stolen from the home of Mary Conner, 1915 Andree; and a ring taken from the resident of Mrs. Esthew Stowe, 3779 W. 175th St.

Classified Employees Invited to Meeting . . . Classified employees of the Torrance Unified School District are invited to the regular monthly meeting of the California School Employees Association to be held tonight in the conference room of the Education Materials Building at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Albert Isen will address the Torrance Democrats next regular meeting, Thursday Evening, Oct. 8th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Rene Pekrul, 1443 Post Ave., announces President John Rounsefell.

Mayor Isen will brief Democratic Party members on current problems facing the community, one of the fastest growing in America. His visit appropriately coincides with preparations by the Democratic membership for an intensive fall program to stimulate interest in civic affairs and encourage participation in them by more citizens.

Also to be discussed are plans for social events for the fall and winter, first of which will be a Halloween costume party to be held Oct. 30th.

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HOPEFULS for election as 1959 Grid Queen at El Camino College pay tribute to football. They are (from left) Margie Hale, Torrance; Maureen O'Donnell, Gardena; Janice Woodruff, Torrance; Alice Ames, Redondo Beach; Donna McHenry, Torrance;

Connie Dockrey, Hermosa Beach; Jean Enyeart, Hawthorne; Ellie Edmonds, Manhattan Beach; and Nancy Vanderlip, Los Angeles. Winner will be named Oct. 2 and will be crowned at the annual grid dance Oct. 9.

Tunnel Plan Abandoned for Walteria Drainage

The possibility of constructing a tunnel to drain the Walteria Lake watershed, as an alternate to the proposed sump and pumping plant project included in the 1958 Bond Issue, was definitely and permanently abandoned by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

The action was taken when the council concurred in the conclusions of a concise written report on the merits of both projects by City Manager George W. Stevens in which he said:

"It seems that the quickest and surest method of draining the Walteria Lake Area is to proceed under the provisions of Project 584 (sump and pumping plant) of the 1958 Bond Issue.

Marvin Lee Miller, 37, a court reporter for a Los Angeles law firm and residing at 2254 Cahueña Blvd., in Hollywood, is scheduled to appear in Torrance Municipal Police Court next Tuesday morning to face a charge of speeding and refusing to accept a ticket for speeding.

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9 Candidates in Race for Grid Queen Honors

Nine candidates will vie for the Grid Queen honors this week-end as the Associated Men Students of El Camino College take to the polls. Grid Queen candidates were introduced to students at an assembly-rally this morning.

Aspirants include Alice Ames, a freshman business administration major from Redondo Beach. Miss Ames has been sports manager of Girls Tennis Club, three star lettergirl and Future Teachers Club member.

Ellie Edmonds, Manhattan Beach, is also a sophomore. She was a homecoming princess and song leader in high school.

Jean Enyeart, while in high school was Girls' League President, vice president of the senior class and song queen. She is a freshman studying pre-law, and also comes from Manhattan Beach.

Donna McHenry, a graduate of Torrance High School, is a teaching major and another freshman candidate for Grid Queen.

Maureen O'Donnell majors in political science. She graduated from Gardena High School and was vice president of the science club last spring.

Nancy Vanderlip is a major in psychology, though her plans include going to San Jose and becoming a legal secretary. She is a sophomore at ECC and a resident of Los Angeles.

Janice Woodruff was a member of the choir at North High in Torrance before she graduated. This is her second year at El Camino.

Majorie Hale, Torrance, is a sophomore candidate, whose major at ECC is language. In high school she was freshman class president and civics club president. At El Camino she is a member of Gamma Phi Delta.

Connie Dockrey, Hermosa Beach, former high school secretary, Student Council member and yell leader is studying law and is one of nine hope to gain the Grid Queen title.

Southwest Park Civic Group Meets Next Monday Evening . . . Southwest Park Civic Association will meet Monday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m., in the Carl Steele School cafeteria. All residents of the area are urged to attend as an important issue will be discussed concerning all of Southwest Park.

Various youth activities, such as dances in Flavian and Steele schools, Easter egg hunts, Christmas "Santas" and other activities that are sponsored by this group. Members of the Torrance Police and Firemen's Association will be on the program. After adjournment, refreshments will be served and bingo will be played.

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SMALL BUT DEADLY is the 20-inch headless rattlesnake held by Ted Costa, 3428 229th St., the second killed by him on his property in two weeks. Costa, who has two sons and a daughter himself, warned other parents in the neighborhood to keep their children away from the five-acre vacant field adjoining his residence, where he believes there may be other rattlers.



IN RECOGNITION of the tremendous contribution to the industrial growth and development of the City of Torrance by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and its subsidiary, the Chasler-Western Oil and Development Co., J. H. Paget (right), Chamber of Commerce president, presented a plaque of appreciation yesterday at the chamber's weekly breakfast meeting to E. R. Robertson (left), assistant general manager of the Santa Fe Western Division.



LANDING BY HELICOPTER to attend "ribbon cutting" at opening of Sears new Torrance store yesterday is Mayor Albert Isen (on extreme left). Other dignitaries who participated in the ceremonies are shown (left to right): K. R. Barton, Sears L.A. retail district manager; Bill Welsh, master of ceremonies; County Supervisor Burton W. Chace; John G. Lowe, manager of the store, and A. T. Cushman, vice-president of Sears Pacific Coast territory.

Didn't Know Which Street He Lived on

Vernon Harrison called the Torrance Police Department last Saturday evening to complain that a car was blocking his driveway. Asked the location, he said he didn't know what street he lived on; but gave the address of the pay station from which he was calling. Police drove there and Harrison guided them back to his house, which proved to be located at 927 Arlington.

Full Story of New Sears Store Starts Today on Page 11